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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

WATANABE, KENICHI

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ATTN: BOX MISSING PARTS

Group Art Unit: 2811

FOR. SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER DEVICE HAVING SEPARATED
CONDUCTIVE PATTERNS IN PERIPHERAL AREA AND ITS
MANUFACTURING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 20, 2002

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Figs. 8A to 8C are cross sectional views showing a modification of the embodiment shown in Figs. 6A to 6D.